

This petition is not in keeping with the FCC's goal of reducing administrative cost nor in line with advancing the state of the art.

Morse code has limited use in modern emergency or public service communications due to the low throughput and lack of accuracy. A review of recent communications emergency declarations by the FCC shows that only frequencies used for single sideband (voice) have been part of the declarations. No record of any CW use in emergency communications or support of public service activities has been widely reported in any Amateur Radio publication for many years. Morse communications are largely used for novelty communications such as QRP, contesting and as a specialty mode. It has the same appeal for some people that more modern modes such as PSK31 have for others. I ask that you deny this petition and either remove the Morse code requirement completely or only retain it at 5 words per minute for the Extra class license. Thank you.